

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. No claims are amended, canceled or added by the present amendment.

Initially, Applicants note that the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed March 29, 2001, January 15, 2004 and March 30, 2004 have not been indicated as having been considered. Accordingly, please provide signed copies of the PTO Form 1449 from each IDS indicating consideration of the references.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716 to Kenner et al. (herein "Kenner"). Applicants respectfully traverse that rejection and traverse the assertion in the outstanding Office Action that "event name" and "time and location information" of the present invention correspond to "Video ID," "Date," "Time," "Segment Info," and "Link Info" in Kenner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the "Video ID" in Kenner is only identification data for each video clip as clearly described by Kenner in the Table at column 22, or a location data indicating a location where the video clip is stored. Further, Kenner's "Date" and "Time" are not a date and time when a multimedia data is originally created but are merely a date and time when a video clip is stored in a database, as Kenner indicates in the Table at column 22, which shows that "Date" and "Time" are the date or time "the file was made by the content provider."¹ Further, "Segment Info" and "Link Info" in Kenner are relation information between segments when the file is segmented and link information when the file has been annotated with links with other files, as described by Kenner in the Table at column 22.

¹ Kenner at column 22, lines 32-35.

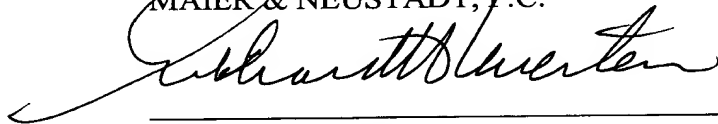
In contrast, the "event name" of the present invention may be for example a name of a daily, monthly, annual or other type of entertainment, amusement, or festival, and may include, for example, a name of a famous place such as "Christmas," "Nagano, Olympic" or "Kyoto." Further, the "time and location information" of the present invention refers to a time when the event was held and a place where the event was held or where the event was located. Specifically, the "event" recited in the amended claims is an event at which multimedia data was originally created, which may be different than a storage time and a storage location when a video clip is stored in a database. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Kenner does not teach or suggest a "retrieval request specified by using event names of the events at which each multimedia data is originally created," as recited in Claim 1 and as similarly recited in Claims 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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